

**U.S. Department of Justice and
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<i>U.S. v. Louis J. Gubitosa</i> (D. Colo.)	Guilty Plea and Sentencing: 18 months imprisonment; \$2,326,879 in restitution. Gubitosa was a manager and salesman for a company that sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning vending machines that dispensed highly-caffeinated energy drinks and snacks.	Guilty plea on June 8, 2010 Sentenced on Jan. 20, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Henry Melvin Hendrix</i> (D. Colo.)	Guilty Plea and Sentencing: 5 years probation; \$1,372,295 in restitution. Hendrix acted as a reference for American Vending Systems, making false claims about the success of the company's business opportunities concerning vending machines that dispensed highly-caffeinated energy drinks and snacks.	Guilty plea on Sept. 16, 2010 Sentenced on Feb. 4, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Jennifer Putnam</i> (D. Colo.)	Indictment, Guilty Plea, and Sentencing: 5 years probation; \$91,752 in restitution. Putnam operated three companies—Specialty Marketing, Selective Consulting Group, and Universal Concepts—that falsely promised consumers attractive vending machine locations available and waiting in the consumers' local areas.	Indicted on June 8, 2010 Guilty plea on Nov. 17, 2010 Sentenced on Feb. 4, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

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<i>U.S. v. Richard Black</i> (D. Colo.)	Guilty Plea: Black owned and operated companies that sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning vending machines that dispensed highly-caffeinated energy drinks and snacks.	Guilty plea on Sept. 17, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Gary Luckner</i> (D. Colo.)	Guilty Plea: Luckner co-owned and operated companies that sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning vending machines that dispensed highly-caffeinated energy drinks and snacks.	Guilty plea on Sept. 17, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Trey Friedmann</i> (D. Colo.)	Guilty Plea: Friedman was a salesman for a company that sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning vending machines that dispensed highly-caffeinated energy drinks and snacks.	Guilty plea on Nov. 3, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Allan Fowlds</i> (M.D. Fla.)	Sentencing: 48 months imprisonment. Fowlds misled victims to believe that for a \$40 or \$50 fee they could earn up to \$2,500 per week. He instructed them to send a check or money order to a post office box. Victims sent the fee and never received any materials to begin work.	Sentenced on Feb. 4, 2011	Assistant U.S. Attorney, Middle District of Florida / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	

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<i>U.S. v. David Wallace</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Guilty Plea and Sentencing: 46 months imprisonment; \$597,092 in restitution. Wallace was a salesman for Transnet Wireless Corporation, which sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning Internet kiosks. Transnet Wireless defrauded over 900 investors out of \$17 million before it was shut down by the FTC in 2005.	Guilty plea on Sept. 1, 2010 Sentenced on Nov. 29, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Julio Camacho</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Guilty Plea and Sentencing: 24 months imprisonment; \$220,970 in restitution. Camacho was a salesman for Global Brands Corporation, which sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning table-top vending machines.	Guilty plea on June 7, 2010 Sentenced on Aug. 31, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Seth Lehrenbaum</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Guilty Plea, and Sentencing: 78 months imprisonment; \$954,980 in restitution. Lehrenbaum was an owner of Global Brands Corporation and participated in sales of its fraudulent business opportunities concerning table-top vending machines. Lenhenbaum also worked as a “locator” for Gold Star Vending, Inc., which sold similar fraudulent business opportunities.	Guilty plea on June 16, 2010 Sentenced on Nov. 15, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

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<i>U.S. v. Andrew Steinberg</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Sentencing: 150 months imprisonment; \$2,286,354 in restitution. Steinberg was the founder and head of Fidelity ATM, which sold fraudulent business opportunities to own and operate automatic teller machines.	Sentenced on July 15, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / Federal Bureau of Investigation	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Stephen Duffie</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Sentencing: 48 months imprisonment; \$2,151,234 in restitution. Duffie was the business manager of Fidelity ATM, which sold fraudulent business opportunities to own and operate automatic teller machines.	Sentenced on Feb. 18, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / Federal Bureau of Investigation	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Andrew Levinson</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Conviction: Levinson owned, operated, and acted as a salesman for Creative Concepts of America, Inc., which sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning energy drink vending machines.	Indicted on June 23, 2010, with superseding indictment filed on Sept. 28, 2010 Jury verdict of guilty returned Feb. 9, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Corina Guillott</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment, Guilty Plea, and Sentencing: 6 months imprisonment; 6 months home confinement; \$505,327 in restitution. Guillott acted as a reference for Creative Concepts of America, Inc., making false claims about the success of Creative Concepts' energy drink vending machine business opportunities.	Indicted on June 23, 2010, with superseding indictment filed on Sept. 28, 2010 Guilty plea on Nov. 12, 2010 Sentenced on Feb. 25, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

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<i>U.S. v. Adriana Mirabal</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Guilty Plea: Mirabal worked at Creative Concepts of America, Inc., which sold fraudulent business opportunities concerning energy drink vending machines.	Indicted on June 23, 2010, with superseding indictment filed on Sept. 28, 2010 Guilty plea on Nov. 12, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Edward Perl</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Conviction: Perl acted as a reference for Creative Concepts of America, Inc., making false claims about the success of Creative Concepts' energy drink vending machine business opportunities.	Indicted on June 23, 2010, with superseding indictment filed on Sept. 28, 2010 Jury verdict of guilty returned Feb. 9, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Alan Perl</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Conviction: Perl acted as a reference for Creative Concepts of America, Inc., making false claims about the success of Creative Concepts' energy drink vending machine business opportunities.	Indicted on June 23, 2010, with superseding indictment filed on Sept. 28, 2010 Jury verdict of guilty returned Feb. 9, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Silvio Carrano</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Guilty Plea: Carrano served in a variety of roles in promoting fraudulent business opportunities to own and operate coffee sale display racks, greeting card sale display racks, and vending machines.	Indicted on Mar. 9, 2010. Guilty plea on Feb. 16, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

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<i>U.S. v. Patrick Williams</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Guilty Plea: Williams served in a variety of roles in promoting fraudulent business opportunities to own and operate coffee sale display racks, greeting card sale display racks, and vending machines.	Indicted on Mar. 9, 2010 Guilty plea on Jan. 18, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Donald Williams</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment, Guilty Plea, and Sentencing: 78 months imprisonment;\$3,918,044 in restitution. Williams served in a variety of roles in promoting fraudulent business opportunities to own coffee sale display racks, greeting card sale display racks, and vending machines.	Indicted on Mar. 9, 2010 Guilty plea on June 29, 2010 Sentenced on Oct. 27, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Gregory Britt Fleming</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Indictment and Guilty Plea: Fleming served in a variety of roles in promoting fraudulent business opportunities to own coffee sale display racks and vending machines.	Indicted on Mar. 9, 2010. Guilty plea on Feb. 16, 2011	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Stephen Schultz</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Sentencing: 86 months imprisonment; \$3,900,044 in restitution. Schultz misrepresented the location services he provided to individuals who bought display rack business opportunities.	Sentenced on Apr. 7, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

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<i>U.S. v. Dilraj Mathauda</i> (S.D. Fla.)	Sentencing: 115 months imprisonment; \$1,275,718 in restitution. Mathauda served in a variety of roles in promoting fraudulent business opportunities to own coffee sale display racks and greeting card sale display racks.	Sentenced on Apr. 13, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Phillip Pestrichello</i> (S.D.N.Y.)	Sentencing: 97 months imprisonment; \$88,011.35 in restitution. Pestrichello, doing business as Preferred Platinum Services Network, advertised a work-at-home opportunity that would purportedly allow participants to earn large sums of money by addressing postcards.	Sentenced on Dec. 3, 2010	Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Rosalie Florie</i> (S.D.N.Y.)	Sentencing: 6 months probation. Florie, doing business as Preferred Platinum Services Network, advertised a work-at-home opportunity that would purportedly allow participants to earn large sums of money by addressing postcards.	Sentenced on Dec. 3, 2010	Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Anthony R. Antonelli</i> (D.R.I.)	Sentencing: 5 years probation; \$638,665 in restitution. Antonelli promoted fraudulent candle and jewelry display business opportunities.	Sentenced on Sept. 7, 2010; amended judgment entered on Oct. 15, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007

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<i>U.S. v. Robert Michaels</i> (D.R.I.)	Sentencing: 5 years probation; \$638,665 in restitution. Michaels promoted fraudulent candle and jewelry display business opportunities.	Sentenced on Sept. 7, 2010; amended judgment entered on Oct. 15, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Joseph Macchiarulo</i> (D.R.I.)	Sentencing: 5 years probation; \$638,665 in restitution. Michaels promoted fraudulent candle and jewelry display business opportunities.	Sentenced on Sept. 7, 2010; amended judgment entered on Oct. 15, 2010	Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Litigation / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Charles S. Miller, DOJ Office of Public Affairs (202) 514-2007
<i>U.S. v. Damilola Oke</i> (D.R.I.)	Guilty Plea and Sentencing: 27 months imprisonment. Oke recruited individuals who were seeking work-at-home opportunities to unknowingly accept fake checks and wire him funds.	Guilty plea on Jan. 6, 2010 Sentenced on May 20, 2010	Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Rhode Island / U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Mary Taylor</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Taylor advertised a stamp generator program, falsely claiming that participants who mailed out circulars advertising the program would receive 5,000 stamps per month. Taylor charged participants \$44 or 100 first-class stamps.	Order issued Aug. 9, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Marilyn Cunningham</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Cunningham advertised a program by falsely claiming that it would allow buyers to earn \$500 to \$3,500 per week by mailing "special sales letters" to fifty individuals each day. Cunningham charged buyers \$50 plus 20 first-class stamps.	Order issued Sept. 14, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	

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<i>U.S. v. James Bicket</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Bicket advertised a program by falsely claiming that participants would earn \$300 to \$500 per day by working only a few hours per week. Bicket charged buyers \$25 or \$50.	Order issued May 18, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Herbert Hays</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Hays conducted two work-at-home schemes. In the first, Hays advertised a program by falsely claiming that participants would earn \$300 to \$500 per day by working only a few hours per week. Hays charged buyers \$35 to \$50. In the second, Hays promoted a scheme in which participants would receive \$20 from newer participants to the program.	Order issued Sept. 17, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Kay Allen Lenar d/b/a The Debt Terminator</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Lenar charged consumers a fee of \$75 to \$1,000 by falsely promising consumers income of up to \$1,200 per sale.	Order issued Aug. 26, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. Kay Allen Lenar d/b/a KA Enterprises and Woodbridge Club</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Lenar falsely claimed that buyers of his program would earn substantial income by having other mail thousands of flyers containing their names.	Order issued Nov. 23, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	
<i>U.S. v. John Harman Busser, Jr.</i>	Cease-and-Desist Order: Busser falsely promised consumers a substantial income from mailing flyers. Approximately 12,000 victims suffered losses of \$120,000.	Order issued Aug. 6, 2010	U.S. Postal Inspection Service	